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SUBJ: REFUGEE STATUS REPORT

1. SUMMARY. APPROXIMATELY 1500 REFUGEES BEING AIDED BY NATIONAL AID TO REFUGEE COMMITTEE. GOVT HAS NOT GRANTED ANY SAFECONDUCTS TO THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN ESTABLISHED SAFEHAVENS. NOR HAS GOVT EXERCISED RIGHT IT RESERVED FOR SELF TO ARREST CRIMINALLY IMPLICATED ALIENDS FROM SAFEHAVENS. FINDING COUNTRIES WILLING TO TAKE REFUGEES REMAINS A MAJOR DIFFICULTY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF CALLED ON MSGR. VICENTE AHUMADA, PRES OF NATIONAL AID TO REFUGEES COMMITTEE OCT 10. AHUMADA AND REV. SERGIO CORREA, CATHOLIC CHURCH'S REP ON COMMITTEE'S EXEC BOARD, PROVIDED FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON REFUGEE SITUATION.

3. APPROXIMATELY 800 REFUGEES (600 IN SANTIAGO, 200 IN PROVINCES) INCLUDING LARGE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN SAFEHAVENS ESTABLISHED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS BY COMMITTEE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOC APPROVAL. ALL, PLUS ADDITIONAL 700 INDIVIDUALS REMAINING

OUTSIDE SAFEHAVENS, HAVE FILED PETITIONS THROUGH COMMITTEE TO NORMALIZE STATUS IN CHILE OR TO OBTAIN SAFECONDUCTS TO LEAVE COUNTRY. MAJORITY WANT TO LEAVE.

4. CHURCHMEN CONFIRMED INFORMATION GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR IN WEEKEND MEETING WITH COMMITTEE'S SUBCHAIRMAN IN CHARGE OF RELOCATION THAT ONLY 4 WISH TO GO TO CUBA AND 7 INTERESTED IN RESIDING IN EASTERN EUROPE. SIMILARLY, ONLY HANDFUL WISH TO RETURN TO NATIVE LANDS. LARGEST GROUPS RE BOLIVIANS, BRAZILIANS AND URUGUAYANS. MAJOR PROBLEM CONTINUES TO BE UNWILLINGNESS OF FOREIGN NATIONS TO ACCEPT REFUGEES. SWEDEN HAS REPORTEDLY MADE FIRM OFFER TO TAKE 200 BUT MANY OF THAT NUMBER WILL CONSIST OF REFUGEES CURRENTLY IN RESIDENCE IN SEVERAL SANTIAGO EMBASSIES. MEXICO AND ARGENTINA APPARENTLY READY TO ACCEPT MORE REFUGEES BUT CONCERN OVER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF TAKING IN LARGE NUMBER OF "EXTREMISTS" OBVIOUSLY CAUSING PROBLEMS WHICH ARE SLOWING PROCESS DOWN.

5. URUGUAYANS PROVIDING SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM FOR COMMITTEE BY THEIR BEHAVIOR WITHIN REFUGES, AND IN PARTICULAR BY EM-BARRASSING SCENE OCT 9 WHEN URUGUAYAN LEADERS (WHO THE CHURCHMEN REFERRED TO TE TUPAMARAOS) REFUSED TO ALLOW REFUGEES AT LARGEST SANTIAGO SAFEHAVEN TO OPENLY CONVERSE WITH MININT BONILLA WHO WAS MAKING GOODWILL CALL. BONILLA LEFT THE SCENE WITH SOME RATHER BITTER REMARKS ABOUT THE REFUGEES (SANTIAGO 4929).

6. DESPITE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT, COMMITTEE IS CONVINCED BONILLA'S VISIT DEMONSTRATED GOVT'S CONTINUING "GOOD FAITH." GOVT HAS NOT EXERCISED RIGHT IT RESERVED FOR SELF WHEN SAFEHAVENS WERE ESTABLISHED OF ENTERING AND ARRESTING INDIVIDUALS IT CONSIDERED CRIMINALLY SUSPECT.

7. HOWEVER, TO DATE GOVT HAS NOT PROCESSED TO COMPLETION ANY OF APPROX 1500 APPLICATIONS FOR SAFECONDUCTS OR NORMALIZATION OF STATUS THOUGH MANY WERE TURNED IN OVER A WEEK AGO. SAFEHAVENS ARE NEAR CAPACITY LEVELS AND COMMITTEE WILL SOON HAVE TO STOP ACCEPTING RESIDENTS.

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8. AHUMADA AND CORREA ASKED THAT EMBASSY ENCOURAGE GOC TO MOVE RAPIDLY IN GRANTING SAFECONDUCTS OR NORMALIZING ALIENS' RESIDENT STATUS IN CHILE. WE INTEND TO SPEAK TO JUNTA GOVT REP TODAY OR TOMORROW WITH UNOFFICIAL SUGGESTION TO THAT EFFECT. EMBASSY APPROACH WILL BE BASED ON BOTH HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES AND BENEFITS WHICH WOULD ACCRUE TO GOC INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BY RAPID ACTION.  
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